

Invitation

Welcome everyone. We pray you will be strengthened by your visit with the Brighton Church of Christ. You are not just our guest, but you are welcome and wanted right here. Join our family of imperfect people perfected in by the blood of Jesus. Restrooms are located across the foyer near the front of the auditorium on the upper floor. If you need assistance in any way, ask any member for help.

Mission

The Brighton Church of Christ is a spiritual family with a focus on going to heaven. We are determined to honor God, to strictly follow the teachings of the New Testament, and effectively make that teaching available to the city of Brighton and the surrounding areas.

Leadership

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Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant.....	Paul Nikolai
Assistant	Les Tucker
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Scripture Reading.....	Alan Samuelson

Luke 19:1-5

Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Chris Welsby

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Kevin Dunham
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant.....	Paul Nikolai
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Paul Nikolai

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
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Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



September 19, 2021

How to Make Women Happy Sam Dilbeck

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27). These words commemorate the creation of humanity. More than the rest of creation, which reflects the beauty, design, and power of God, humans also bear the very image of God—imago dei. Yet these words have become troublesome.

God clearly created two genders, male and female. He created them to complement one another in every facet of human existence, because “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen 2:18). The fullness of humanity to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth” requires both sexes (Gen 1:28). It is biology 101.

God calls women to love their husbands and children, be self-controlled, be pure, manage the home, and be kind (Titus 2:4-5). God designed and created women with the skills, abilities, and physical construction to fulfill these roles. She may take on more roles, but this does not remove the roles God has given her.

In recent decades, a considerable amount of energy, resources, and time have been spent to blur the lines of God’s gender distinctions and roles. Women’s liberation initially sought to remove culturally imposed strictures on women—the right to vote, to work, to earn a degree, etc. These initial efforts were good because they aligned with God’s design for equality. Many battles were fought and eventually won to recognize women as equals and give them the same rights in society as men.

However, feminism went too far. Equal does not mean the same. Because women are equal in rights does not mean they become men; the distinctions are too obvious. Yet that has not kept some from asserting men and women are the same. In a 2005 report, psychologist Janet Hyde promoted her gender similarities hypothesis, which says “males and females from childhood to adulthood are more alike than different on most psychological variables” (“Men and Women: No Big Difference” apa.org). While Hyde’s report emphasizes psychological comparisons like cognitive abilities, communication skills, aggression, self-esteem, moral reasoning, and motor behaviors, she minimizes physical differences like males being able to “throw farther” as if such differences were minor. Certainly, the psychological abilities of men and women are similar; men and women share the same capacity to learn, adapt, and cope. Psychology is only a small measure of humanity. These similarities do not erase the divinely designed differences between males and females.

Five decades of minimizing God’s gender differences and roles has impacted society. Families live on the run instead of in the home. Many rely on two full-time incomes requiring Mom and Dad to spend a lot of time away from the family. Sex and its consequences are minimized through “hook ups” and abortion. And women are more miserable than ever. According to Carrie Gress, “Happiness metrics confirm that women are struggling: Suicides, depression, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted infections have all increased dramatically over the last five decades” (“Why Don’t We Tell Women What’s Making Them Miserable?” nationalreview.com). A 2020 Pew Research report reveals over half of white women under age 30 suffer from a mental-health issue.

By masculinizing women, culture has ripped them from God’s design, forced them into different roles, and tried to squelch their feminine instincts. It has left many women medicated and miserable as they cope with their new cultural roles. Gress laments, “But most American women with money, degrees, or connections will never hear that our culturally prescribed feminist lifestyle is the source of their unhappiness, struggles, and feeling of emptiness.”

Is there hope? There is always hope. Gress offers some good advice, “There are basics, such as: Don’t sleep around, don’t do drugs, don’t have abortions, stop blaming the patriarchy, find a purpose outside of yourself, cover up some of that skin, don’t overspend, and figure out what is truly good, not just what celebrities say.” Her advice is sound because it follows God’s original design.

There have been great strides in elevating women above their historically cultural limitations, bringing them closer to God’s creative design. However, many are not content with equality and seek sameness. This quest is unbiblical as it seeks to disregard God’s purpose for males and females, and leaves many struggling under burdensome social expectation.

Announcements

Prayers

Elmo Wilson is home now. Prayers for healing are requested. Vaccinated visitors are welcome.

Les and Sharla Tucker are trying to recover from COVID; also **Becca’s niece’s husband, Steven Pointer**, is battling COVID. In addition Ruth Wilson’s grandson tested positive for COVID. Please pray that they all can recover quickly and pray for all of us that we can weather through this outbreak.

Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD’s supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie– breast cancer

Sam Sims– health problems

Pray for our Brighton family as we try to share the Gospel .

News and Notes

Calendar for 2021

On the bulletin board in the foyer is a calendar of activities for the rest of the year. It is such a blessing to be able to plan activities again! Please look to see what is coming up.



GOSPEL MEETING

Mark October 3rd-6th on your calendar. Allen Webster is coming to speak. Allen has been preaching the Gospel since 1984. He teaches in the Memphis School of Preaching and the Georgia School of Preaching. He also is the editor of House to House/Heart to Heart paper and he is a staff writer for the Spiritual Sword. In addition, he is a director of Polishing the Pulpit Conference. This will be an event not to miss.

Sunday and Wednesday Classes

We are providing classes for children and adults. It is so important to put His Word in their hearts while they are young.



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Sept. 23	Jane Hanavan	Birthday